Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims.

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) An isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide having an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) amino acids from ~~about~~ 1 to ~~about~~ 75 in SEQ ID NO: 6;

(b) amino acids from ~~about~~ 76 to ~~about~~ 252 in SEQ ID NO: 6;

(c) amino acids from ~~about~~ 253 to ~~about~~ 348 in SEQ ID NO:6;

(d) amino acids from ~~about~~ 1 to ~~about~~ 348 in SEQ ID NO:6;

(e) amino acids from ~~about~~ 2 to ~~about~~ 348 in SEQ ID NO:6;

(f) the amino acid sequence of the I-FLICE-2 polypeptide having the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209038; and

(g) the amino acid sequence of an epitope-bearing portion of any one of the polypeptides of (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f),

wherein said I-FLICE-2 polypeptide inhibits TNFR-1 and CD-95 induced apoptosis.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) A method for treating diseases and disorders associated with apoptosis comprising administering to said individual a composition comprising an isolated polypeptide of claim 9.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the amino acid sequence is at least 95% identical to (a).

14. (Currently amended) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the amino acid sequence comprises amino acids from ~~about~~ 1 to ~~about~~ 348 in SEQ ID NO:6.

15. (Previously presented) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the amino acid sequence is at least 95% identical to (b).

16. (Currently amended) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the amino acid sequence comprises amino acids from ~~about~~ 2 to ~~about~~ 348 in SEQ ID NO:6.

17. (Previously presented) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the amino acid sequence is at least 95% identical to (c).

18. (Previously presented) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the amino acid sequence comprises the amino acid sequence of the I-FLICE-2 polypeptide having the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209038.

19. (Previously presented) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the amino acid sequence is at least 95% identical to (d).

20. (Previously presented) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the amino acid sequence comprises the amino acid sequence of an epitope-bearing portion of any one of the polypeptides of (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f).

21. (Currently amended) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the amino acid sequence comprises an antigenic region selected from the group consisting of:

(i) amino acid residues from ~~about~~ 62 to ~~about~~ 136 in SEQ ID NO:6;

(ii) amino acid residues from ~~about~~ 184 to ~~about~~ 193 in SEQ ID NO:6; and

(iii) amino acid residues from ~~about~~ 205 to ~~about~~ 341 in SEQ ID NO:6.

22. (Previously presented) A fusion protein comprising the isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 9 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

23. (Previously presented) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the polypeptide is glycosylated.